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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	<b>Mail Stop Amendment</b>
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For: COLORIMETRIC SENSOR	:	

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION / RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to October 3, 2007 Office Action, Applicants hereby elect ***Group I*** (Claims 1-18), ***Type (i)*** of Species A (molecular structural alteration – Claims 3 and 4) and ***Type (ii)*** of Species B (absorbent polymer – Claims 15-17) without traverse, as explained below.

**Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-26 are pending, with claim 1 being the only independent claim.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.